









**SPECIAL CABLES.**  
FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

**FRANCE.**

LONDON, Nov. 12.  
The French Senate, sitting as the High Court of Justice, has decided that it is competent to try M. Derville and others who were arrested on a charge of conspiracy.

**SAMOA.**

EQUAL TRADE RIGHTS ARRANGED.  
LONDON, Nov. 13.

The "Daily Chronicle" states that Great Britain, with the warm support of Colonel John Hay, the American Secretary of State, has secured for the United States, Great Britain, and Germany equal trade rights throughout Samoa.

Germany sought to discriminate, but without success.

**KING OF ABYSSINIA.**

LONDON, Nov. 12.  
King Menelik, of Abyssinia, will visit the Emperor of Russia in May next, and will afterwards proceed to Paris.

**THE KAISER'S VISIT TO THE QUEEN.**

LONDON, Nov. 13.  
Her Von Bulow, the German Minister for Foreign Affairs, will accompany the Emperor William on his visit to the Queen at Windsor Castle.

**RITUALISM IN ENGLAND.**

THREAT AGAINST RECALCITRANT CLERGYMEN.

LONDON, Nov. 13.  
Dr. Creighton, Bishop of London, has threatened to suspend from office for two years clergymen persisting in the use of incense and processional lights in public worship, and in the event of the practice being continued thereafter they are to be dealt with by the law courts.

**SILVER.**

LONDON, Nov. 13.  
Bar silver is quoted at 28 3d per ounce standard.

**OBITUARY.**

LONDON, Nov. 12.  
The death is announced of Edward Pooley, the wicket-keeper, who was born on February 15, 1843.

Edward Pooley was 56 years old, and was for many years the wicket-keeper of the Surrey County eleven. He was a member of Lillywhite's professional team that visited Australia in the summer of 1876-7. The following year he made a tour which was against New South Wales, and his contribution was 36. This was the first occasion on which a colonial team contended against an English eleven on equal terms in Australia. The result was a draw, after a few innings defeat and having four wickets to fall. Pooley kept wickets against the Australians in England on several occasions, and was at one time considered the leading man in England in that position.

**VICTORIA.**

CONFERENCE OF CHAMBERS OF MANUFACTURES.

MELBOURNE, Monday.  
The delegates to the International Conference of Chambers of Manufactures were entertained at dinner this evening by Mr. A. T. D'Arcy, the Federal treasurer, and proposed a toast to the prosperity and the duration of the present and future protection was the right thing for the Federal Commonwealth, and that under such policy the manufacturers of Australia would have a big future before them.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**

A fatal accident happened this morning at the level crossing on the Braxton Park Junction railway line, West Footscray. Mrs. Margaret Dorepa, aged 61, a resident of West Footscray, was walking over the crossing, when she was run down by an engine and so badly hurt that she died soon afterwards.

**NORTH WEST WALES BOWLERS IN MELBOURNE.**

The town of North Wales bowlers was hospitably entertained to-day, and in the afternoon played a match with the M.C.C. team. It was generally expected that the visitors would win, but the M.C.C. pulled the match off in style by a majority of 33 runs, the score being M.C.C., 92; City Club (Sydney), 59.

The annual meeting of the Victorian Rifle Association will be commenced at the Williamsburg range to-morrow. During practice firing to-day a marksman named W. Phelan narrowly escaped being struck in the head by a bullet which had passed through his hat. He was so seriously wounded that he died on Sunday.

The position of military commandant of the Victorian forces, vacant by the retirement of Major-General Hollid Smith, has been offered to General Sir Redvers Buller. General Downing, the appointment now only a matter of formal ratification by the Cabinet. The appointment is viewed with enthusiasm in military circles.

The Earl of Banbury left by train this morning for Bendigo, en route to Mildura. After inspecting his properties in Victoria he went to New Zealand, and on his return to Australia he sat left his attorney by express for Nelly Bay.

A sad fatality occurred at Saturday at the Convent of the Good Shepherd, Albert Park. A middle-aged married woman, Mary Torpy (Alderman Hamblett), the Mayor of Hobart, had taken a quantity of opium which was so heavily sedated that she died on Sunday.

The Minister for Defence has been advised by the War Office that the sons of officers in the colonial forces will be allowed to enter the Royal Artillery Academy at Woolwich on the same date as the sons of officers in the Imperial forces, as far as possible.

A death, under sad circumstances, took place on Sunday at Essendon. John Harris, aged 53, an enthusiastic amateur horticulturist, was suffocated by a hotstone attached to his residence. About 100 persons are said to have attended his funeral, which was nearly laid in a similar manner.

At the Essendon Police Court today Robert Gossell was fined £20 for street-betting.

A sudden death took place at Richmond today. An elderly resident named Frank Tritton, while sitting at his window, fell down dead. He suffered from heart disease.

Tenders were opened this afternoon for £25,000 worth of credit Foncier Bonds. The public subscribed £2600 and the commissioners of the savings bank took up the balance.

The thundering of the Naval Contingent's guns at Lady-  
gate carried news of the French Belligerents

**SECOND EDITION.**  
THE KAISER'S VISIT TO ENGLAND.

LONDON, Nov. 13.  
The Emperor and Empress of Germany will, on the occasion of their approaching visit to London, lunch at the Mansion House in semi-state.

**SIR JULIAN SALOMONS.**  
LONDON, Nov. 13.  
Sir Julian Salomons, Agent-General for New South Wales, has been elected a member of Gray's Inn, London.

**POOLEY THE CRICKETER.**  
LONDON, Nov. 13.  
The report as to the death of Edward Pooley, the wicket-keeper, has been contradicted.

**QUEENSLAND.**  
MINING ACCIDENTS.

LONDON, Nov. 13.  
A terrible accident occurred at the Coopers Creek mine at Goldie Gate this morning just after 8 o'clock. Sydney Ayles and a recent arrival from Charters Towers, who was going down for his first shift, and whose name is believed to have been Jerry Cox, entered the cage for the descent. Ayles signalled to start, but before the engine moved the ropes fell from the cage, which fell over 100 feet. Both men were killed.

The Under-secretary for Mines has received a telegram from the warden at Ravenswood stating that a serious accident happened to a miner named James Squire through a fall of the hanging roof. The shaft cage came down without warning, driving Squire against the face of the slope. The man's right arm was fractured in two places, one bone was fractured, the right knee-cap was splintered, and there were various bruises on the body of the survivor.

**THE BOERS IN STRONG FORCE.**  
LONDON, Nov. 13.  
The Boers are strong.

**ATTACK ON MAPEKING.**  
LONDON, Nov. 13.  
The Boers repulsed.

**DEADLY EFFECT OF MAXIM GUNS.**  
LONDON, Nov. 12.  
The latest news to hand from Capetown states that the Boers made a general attack on Mapeking, which is defended by the force under Colonel Baden-Powell.

The Boers were repulsed, 30 of their number being killed.

The loss on the side of the defenders

was trifling.

**A MISSING PASSENGER.**  
LONDON, Nov. 13.  
When the Julia Percy arrived yesterday the police were notified that a saloon passenger named Mr. Main had gone missing. At 3.30 p.m. he was last seen at Weymouth and Double Island Point, and the man is said to have come from Longreach, and was a passenger from Rockhampton to Brisbane. A lamp-trimmer noticed him in the cabin about 6.30, and about half an hour later he was seen again in the saloon. He was a young man, but took no notice of them. Some passengers also saw him walking about the deck. His absence was discovered when he failed to appear for breakfast. Among his luggage was a memorandum-book, in which was the following: "No. 10, 10, 10, 10." The book was about 10 a.m., meant to have finished myself during the night, but so complex that I could not sleep.

**THE WESTERN FRONTIER.**  
LONDON, Nov. 13.  
The excellent formation of the trenches at Mafeking serves to minimise the losses in the engagements with the enemy. The mud walls are able to withstand the fire of the enemy's 64 and 94 pounds.

Shells are wasted by the enemy at the rate of 200 a day.

**THE POSITION AT KIMBERLEY.**

LONDON, Nov. 12.  
The Boer forces have captured Conservancy Post and the South Kimberley reservoirs.

**THE ENEMY REPULSED AT KENILWORTH.**

DUTIES ON MEAT SUSPENDED.

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA.**

LONDON, Nov. 13.  
A report from Port Darwin states that neither the steamer Australis, from Singapore, nor the Tuan, from Hongkong, has any say in the trials of the Australasian League of Protection. The last-named vessel left Broome for the pearling grounds on October 19, and has not since been heard of. It is feared that the colours were unlimited and killed the three white men on board, and then took charge of the vessel.

**TASMANIA.**  
HOBART, Monday.

Mr. Stafford Bird, the Treasurer, is seriously ill with influenza and other complications. The Premier and the Minister for Lands are hardly fit for duty, and many members of the Assembly are suffering from influenza.

**DEFENCE OF DURBAN.**

LONDON, Nov. 12.  
A naval brigade, with 20 guns, is being despatched for the defence of Durban.

**THE BASUTOS.**

LONDON, Nov. 12.  
The Basutos employed on farms in the Orange Free State refuse to reap the crops.

**PLAQUE AT DELAGOA BAY.**

LONDON, Nov. 12.  
The plague has broken out at Delagoa Bay.

**MIGRATION OF BOERS.**

LONDON, Nov. 12.  
A number of Boers living in the Western Transvaal are preparing to migrate to German South-west Africa.

**DEPARTURE OF THE HOUSE-HOLD CAVALRY.**

LONDON, Nov. 12.  
The Queen bade farewell at Windsor yesterday to the Household Cavalry on the occasion of their departure for South Africa.

Her Majesty concluded as follows:—

"I pray that God may protect you in that distant part of the Empire where your comrades are fighting bravely."

**CARDINAL VAUGHAN AND THE VATICAN JOURNALS.**

LONDON, Nov. 12.  
Cardinal Vaughan has protested against the violent anti-British tone of the Vatican journals concerning the present state of affairs in the Transvaal.

**GENERAL SIR REDVERS BULLER'S PREPARATIONS.**

**STRENGTH OF THE ENEMY.**

LONDON, Nov. 13.  
General Sir Redvers Buller, the Command-in-Chief in South Africa, has decided to relieve Ladysmith at the earliest opportunity. 4000 troops are expected to reach Estcourt by the end of the week.

The steamer Roslin Castle, of the Castle Line, has arrived at Durban from Cape Town with the grand jury of the Cape Colony.

Colonel G. A. D'Arcy, M.A., the Minister for Justice, has been appointed to the command of the 1st Battalion, Royal Artillery, and the 2nd Battalion, Royal Engineers, which is to be formed at Durban.

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